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5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)  
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 period ending 1 - 31 July 1969

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

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## Part I

Organizational DataDesignation

5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)

CommandingMaj A. B. THOMPSON JR.  
1-31 July 1969Executive OfficerCapt C. W. GIANNETTI  
1-31 July 1969Subordinate UnitsBravo Platoon  
5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)CommandingCapt J. J. MULHOLLAND  
1-31 July 1969Charlie Platoon  
5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN)1stLt J. W. LUCEY  
1-31 July 1969Attached UnitsAlpha Platoon (8" Howitzer)  
1st Platoon, 5th 8" Howitzer BatteryCommandingCapt J. J. MULHOLLAND  
1-31 July 1969Location

a. Battery Headquarters

1-31 July 1969 Dong Ha  
West

b. A and B Platoons

1-31 July 1969 Vander-  
grift Combat Base

c. C Platoon

1-31 July 1969 Fire  
Support Base Elliot  
(Rockpile)Average Monthly Strength

<u>USMC</u>		<u>USN</u>	
<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
12	270	0	6

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Part II  
Narrative Summary

During July 1969, the 5th 175mm Gun Battery (SP) (REIN), commanded by Major A. B. THOMPSON JR., remained under operational control of the 108th Artillery Group USA and continued in its mission of reinforcing the fires of the 12th Marine Regiment.

Events of interest this month include a visit by General CARNEY, Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, to the platoon position at Vandergrift Combat Base. 1stLt W. W. MILES having completed his tour in Vietnam returned on PCS orders to the United States. XXIV Corps inspected all Fire Direction Centers and the firing batteries. On 19 July 1969, the 3d Marine Division Medical Inspection Team visited the battery and conducted an inspection. The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry was presented to 1stLt J. GORTER by Colonel W. W. CROMPTON, Commanding Officer, 12th Marines. The Battery Civic Action Program assumed CA/MEDCAP responsibilities of Thia Trang. The battery joined 2ndLt J. B. HATFIELD on 26 July 1969. Courtesy inspections by cognizant Staff Sections of the 12th Marines were conducted and will continue into August. On 27 July 1969, Major A. B. THOMPSON JR. and 1stSgt G. D. WALKER visited 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade Headquarters to clarify certain matters.

Rounds expended from Vandergrift Combat Base during July were 684 for Alpha and 1751 for Bravo.

Charlie Platoon fired 1980 rounds of 175mm during July.

The battery fired in support of 3rd Marine Division in the following Operations: GEORGIA TAR, ARLINGTON CANYON, IDAHO CANYON and in support of unnamed operations in the ARVN and RECON zones.

The largest expenditure of rounds continued to be fired in support of seismic intrusion devices and prep fires. Other targets fired were TIO's and rocket suppression. Target surveillance of observed targets credited the battery with six enemy killed and the destruction of several bunkers.

The battery's over all status for July continues in an over all C-1 status. Critical MOS shortages appear in the 2151 field. It is predicted that unless the battery is replenished in the 0844 field, a shortage may occur.

The battery continues to support Regimental AO's within the 3rd Division AO.

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Part III  
Sequential Listing of Significant Events

8 July 1969	General CARNEY, CG 9thMAB, visited platoon position at Vandergrift Combat Base
8 July 1969	1stLt W. W. MILES detached PCS to CONUS
10 July 1969	XXIV Corps inspected FDC and Firing Batteries at all positions
19 July 1969	3rd Marine Division Medical Inspection Team inspected the battery
21 July 1969	1stLt J. GORTER presented the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry by Colonel W. W. CROMPTON
22 July 1969	Assumed CA/MEDCAP responsibilities for village of Thia Trang from 2/12
26 July 1969	2ndLt J. B. HATFIELD joined battery
27 July 1969	Major THOMPSON and 1stSgt. WALKER visited 9th MAB Headquarters
28 July 1969	Captain PIKE, 12th Marines Ordnance Officer held courtesy inspection of firing batteries.

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**SECRET**

PRIORITY 010236 DATE 1 JUL 69  
 FM FIFTH ONE SEVEN FIVE GUN BTRY (SP) DRAFTED BY LT MILES  
 TO CG NINTH MAB  
 INRO 108TH ARTY GRP  
ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

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*0-001*  
 SITREP NO 54 FOR PRD 292300H TO 302300H JUN 69

1. NO CHANGE
2. REIN FIRES
- A. OPN HERKIMER MTN: 10 MSNS; 175MM/20 RND
- B. OPN UTAH MESA: 1 MSN; 175MM/8 RND
- C. RECON ZONE: 8 MSNS; 175MM/36 RND  
 8 IN HOW/26 RND

3. NONE
4. NO CHANGE
5. N/A
6. NO CHANGE
7. NONE

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TIME 24 JUN 69

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**SECRET**PRIORITY 070228DATE 7 JUL 69FM FIFTH ONE SEVEN FIVE GUN BTRY (SP) DRAFTED BY DT BURRTO CG NINTH MABINFO 108TH ARTY GRPZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

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SECRET

6029

SITREP NO 60 FOR PRD 052300H TO 062300H JUL 69

1. NO CHANGE

2. REIN FIRES

A. OPN UTAH MESA: 5 MSNS; 175MM/20 RND

B. 3RD MARDIV: 7 MSNS; 175MM/36 RND

8 IN HOW/24 RND

C. RECON ZONE: 4 MSNS; 175MM/30 RND

3. NONE

4. NO CHANGE

5. N/A

6. NO CHANGE

7. NONE

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PRIORITY 080242 DATE 8 JUL 69  
 FM FIFTH ONE SEVEN FIVE GUN BTRY (SP) DRAFTED BY LT BURR  
 TO CG NINTH MAB  
 INFO 108TH ARTY GRP  
ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

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SITREP NO 61 FOR PERD 062300H TO 072300H JUL 69

1. NO CHANGE

2. REIN FIRES

A. OPN UTAH MESA: 23 MSNS; 175MM/36 RND  
8 IN HOW/14 RND

B. RECON ZONE: 7 MSNS; 175MM/30 RND

C. OPN HIGH RISE: 1 MSN; 175MM/20 RND

3. THE FOLLOWING MEN HAVE BEEN MED-EVACED FOR NON-HOSTILE REASONS

A. PVT BAUER, B.A.

B. PVT TORBERT, R.A.

4. ONE 175MM GUN DOWN FOR TUBE CHANGE

5. N/A

6. NO CHANGE

7. NONE

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C.W. GIANNETTI, CAPT USMC

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**SECRET**

PRIORITY 260216 DATE 26 JUL 69  
 FM FIFTH ONE SEVEN FIVE GUN BTRY (SP) DRAFTED BY LT BURR  
 TO CG NINTH MAB *KRE*  
 INFO 108TH ARTY GRP  
ZEN/TWELFTH MARINES

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*G-144*  
 SITREP NO. 79 FOR PRD 242300H-252300H JUL 69

1. NO CHANGE
2. REIN FIRES
- A. OPN WILLIAMS GLADE: 13 MSNS 175MM/181 RDS  
 81N HOW/82 RDS
- B. 2ND ARVN A.O.: 1 MSN 175MM/2 RDS
- C. RECON ZONE: 23 MSNS 175MM/67 RDS
3. NONE
4. 175MM GUN NO. 12A57268 D/L BECAUSE OF INOPERABLE TRAVERSING  
 MECHANISM
5. N/A
6. NO CHANGE
7. NONE

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